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## News Release





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## Award Winning Nature Photographer, John Reed, Offering One-Day Workshop Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

Folkston, GA....Local award winning and widely published nature photographer, John Reed, will conduct a Spring Nature Photography Workshop at Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday March 12 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.). The one-day workshop will begin with a "camera bootcamp" on the controls found on a digital computer and a morning "hands on" shooting session along the refuge's Swamp Island Drive. The afternoon will include presentations on digital photography fundamentals and a shooting break in the immediate area around the classroom. Participants must provide their own camera and any other photographic equipment they need. All photography skill levels are welcome.

Cost: The cost for the workshop is \$60 in advance. Walk-ins will be welcome as space permits for an additional \$5 fee. The workshop is sponsored in part by the Okefenokee Wildlife League, the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, and John Reed Photography. For registration and information, call the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center at 912-496-7836 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. The \$5 entrance fee to the refuge is not included in the cost of the workshop.

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The Main Entrance (Suwannee Canal Recreation Area) to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is located 11 miles southwest of Folkston, GA off Hwy 121/23. The refuge is open daily and offers a variety of opportunities for the visiting public. Call 912-496-7836 or visit the refuge website at <a href="https://www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee">www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee</a> for hours of operation, upcoming events, and entrance fee information.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to our events for all participants. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in our events should contact Susan Heisey at (912) 496-7366 ext. 233 or Susan\_Heisey@fws.gov. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please contact us for assistance at least five business days before the event.

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